

ALASKA POTATO STOCKS

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JUNE POTATO STOCKS

As of June 1, 2001

Potato stocks in Alaska as of June 1, 2001 totaled 14,000 cwt, down from 42,000 cwt a year earlier. Stocks are also down considerably when compared with the five year average of 31,300 cwt on hand June 1. Disappearance since May 1 totaled 29,700 cwt.

MAJOR STATES held a record high 63.2 million cwt of potatoes on June 1, 2001, up 34 percent from last year and 26 percent above two years ago. Potatoes in storage accounted for 14 percent of the 2000 fall storage States' production, up 3 percentage points from a year ago. Disappearance, at a record high 399 million cwt, was up 7 percent from last year. May disappearance totaled 48.3 million cwt, 22 percent above last year. Potatoes used for processing to June 1 totaled 190 million cwt, up 2 percent from last year in comparable States. May processing of 20.3 million cwt was 3 percent above last year in comparable States.

WESTERN STATES held 52.9 million cwt of potatoes in storage on June 1, 2001, up 39 percent from last year and 38 percent above two years ago. Washington's potato stocks were up 150 percent from a year ago and Idaho's were up 17 percent. Oregon's stocks were up 16 percent while Colorado's stocks were unchanged. California's potato stocks were down 29 percent from last year. The Pacific Northwest States (Idaho, Oregon, and Washington) held 77 percent of June 1 potato stocks across the country.

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